

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-24 and 32-36 (Withdrawn)

25. (Currently amended) A seed, seedling or plant ~~which is transgenic for ABI5~~ expressing an ABI5
transgene.

26. (Original) The seed, seedling or plant of claim 25 wherein said seed, seedling or plant comprises an *ABI5* gene under the control of a constitutive promoter.

27. (Original) The seed, seedling or plant of claim 25 wherein said seed, seedling or plant comprises an *ABI5* gene under the control of an activatable promoter.

28. (Original) The seed, seedling or plant of claim 25 wherein said seed, seedling or plant overproduces *ABI5*.

29. (Original) The seed, seedling or plant of claim 25 wherein said seed, seedling or plant is hypersensitive to abscisic acid.

30. (Currently amended) The seed, seedling or plant of claim 25 wherein said seed, seedling or plant
a₂ is ~~resistant to drought~~ tolerant.

31. (Currently amended) The seed, seedling or plant of claim 25 wherein said seed, seedling or plant is ~~resistant~~ tolerant to high salt.
